

USE OF CREWS IN LOCAL EMERGENCIES

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Responsibility

**Camp Commander
Superintendent
Division Chief**

Conservation camp offenders may be utilized in the rescue of lost or injured persons, the saving of life, and the protection of property. The Departmental Directors may cooperate with local agencies to accomplish this purpose. Requests for such services may issue from the county sheriff; a city, county or district fire department; or any of several other local government agencies. These authorities should be advised by the Division Chief of the required dispatching procedures and of their responsibility for fiscal reimbursement to CAL FIRE and CDCR.

SEARCH AND RESCUE ASSIGNMENTS

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Responsibility

**Unit Chief
Division Chief**

The CAL FIRE-CDCR Interagency Agreement(s) specifies how search and rescue-type assignments will be conducted. However, in the absence of any written agreement(s) with the local government authority, neither CAL FIRE nor CDCR have authority to seek reimbursement for expenses incurred while providing services associated with this type of activity. For that reason, CAL FIRE should secure such agreement(s) with those local entities prior to a need for fire crew assistance with search and rescue.

CAL FIRE and CDCR have agreed that neither department will generate charges as a result of search and rescue activities that occur during the regularly scheduled crew workday.

BILLING FOR SEARCH AND RESCUE (SAR) ACTIVITY

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Responsibility

Division Chief

In billing for CAL FIRE and CDCR search and rescue costs incurred pursuant to an agreement(s) as described in section 6560.2.1, the Camp Division Chief shall use the same procedures as described in sections [6531.1-6531.1.3](#) (recovery of project burn costs) with the following changes:

PCA Codes

03075 State & Local Agencies

03076 Federal Agencies

Source Codes

131700.01 Local Agency

131700.02 State Agency

498999.75 Federal Agency

CORRECTIONAL OFFICER SECURITY FOR SAR

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Responsibility

Camp Commander

Superintendent

Division Chief

At the discretion of the Camp Commander/**Superintendent**, crew dispatches for search and rescue may require one or more custodial staff. This is due to the potential for security problems when dealing with volunteer search teams, the public, and the possibility that the search could result in a criminal investigation.

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